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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

29 SEPTEMBER 14, 2010

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

FUNDING SUPPLEMENT FOR THE AS-NEEDED INDUSTRIAL VACUUM AND JETTING SERVICES (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to supplement funding for the As-Needed Industrial Vacuum and Jetting Services to cover unforeseen costs incurred as the result of additional work required due to the 2009 fires and 2010 storms.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the supplemented work continues to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve supplementing Contract No. 001584 with National Plant Services, Inc., for the As-Needed Industrial Vacuum and Jetting Services by \$200,000 to increase the annual contract amount from \$750,000 to \$950,000 for the current contract year, and to increase the annual contract amount from \$705,000 to \$905,000 for the two subsequent contract years, for a potential maximum contract sum of \$5,760,000.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to annually increase the contract amount up to an additional 10 percent of the annual contract sum for unforeseen, additional work within the scope of the contract, if required.
4. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or her designee to approve and execute amendments to incorporate necessary changes within the scope of work; and to suspend work if, in

the opinion of the Director of Public Works or her designee, it is in the best interest of the County of Los Angeles to do so.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this recommended action is to supplement the annual contract amount for the current and two remaining contract years for the As-Needed Industrial Vacuum and Jetting Services, which consists of cleaning material from subsurface flood control chambers, structures, and drains by utilizing vehicle-mounted, heavy-duty vacuum cleaning and jetting equipment. This supplement is needed due to an increase in industrial vacuum cleaning and jetting services resulting from the damage caused by the 2009 wildfires and the 2010 winter rainstorms and anticipated increased debris flow in subsequent winter rain seasons. Due to cost reduction amendment, the additional services will be performed at 6 percent reduced rates from the original submitted rates.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The contractors who have the specialized expertise to provide these services accurately, efficiently, timely, and in a responsive manner will support the Department of Public Works (Public Works) in meeting these goals.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The additional \$200,000 will increase the not-to-exceed amount for the contract's current contract year from \$750,000 to \$950,000 and for the two subsequent contract years from \$705,000 to \$905,000 plus 10 percent of the annual contract sum for unforeseen, additional work within the scope of the contract, if required.

Financing for these additional services has been identified in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Flood and Road Fund Budgets. When the need arises for services under this contract, financing the required services will be from the appropriate fund source. Total annual expenditures for these services will not exceed the contract amount approved by your Board, and no services will be ordered without the funding authorization of Public Works Financial Management Branch. Funds to finance the two subsequent contract years and 10 percent additional funding for contingencies will be requested through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On November 8, 2005, Agenda Item 29, your Board approved Contract No. 001584 with National Plant Services, Inc., located in Long Beach, California, in the annual contract amount of \$750,000. The contract was for a term of one year commencing on November 30, 2005, with four 1-year renewal options, for a maximum potential contract term of five years. The contract is currently in the fourth optional year.

On May 18, 2010, Agenda Item 35, your Board approved a 6 percent unit cost reduction with a two-

year extension with this contractor. The cost reduction was retroactive to October 1, 2009, pursuant to the Chief Executive Officer's recommendation of February 1, 2010. Amendment 1 to this contract was executed on July 27, 2010, reducing the unit prices by 6 percent retroactive to October 1, 2009, and the contract was extended for a period of two years through and including November 29, 2012, for a potential maximum contract term of seven years, and the annual contract amount for subsequent years would have been reduced from \$750,000 to \$705,000.

This supplement will increase the contract amount for the current contract year from \$750,000 to \$950,000, and for the two subsequent contract years from \$705,000 to \$905,000, which will result in a potential maximum program sum of \$5,760,000.

The contract terms allow your Board to increase the contract sum as needed; therefore, an amendment to the existing contract is not necessary.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed work is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The work is within a class of projects that has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria set forth in Section 15301(h) of CEQA.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The approval of this request will not result in any impact on other current services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Administrative Services.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

GAIL FARBER
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel